Computer Education

1424. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a comprehensive policy keeping in view of the increasing requirement of the computer personnel in various professions; and

(b) whether Government also propose to give an extra grant to those colleges which start computer training etc. to create more facilities for training in this field so as to ensure right type of training and create job opportunities at home in order to thwart the danger of brain drain in this particular field of technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Ownership of Railway Wagons

1425. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to allow all the States to purchase and own Railway wagons;

(b) what is the cost of a full size wagon and the number of wagons at the disposal of Railways which could be offered to the States under own your wagon schemes; and

(c) whether Government propose to allow a rebate on the freight to the users in lieu of ownership of wagons under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) (i) About Rs. 6 lakhs for a complete BOX N Wagon.

(ii) Does not arise in view of (a).

(c) Railways have offered a suitable rebate on freight to user industries who are prepared to purchase and own railway wagons.

Task Forces for Programme of Action

1426. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of task forces have been formed by Government for preparing a programme of action for implementation of the new Education Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating composition of various Task Forces is attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 85].

Tours to promote unity and understanding among the youth

1427. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an proposal under Government's consideration to organise regional youth folk festival tours, Bharat Darshan tours and National Integration camps to promote unity and understanding among the youths; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Under the programme to promote unity and understanding among the